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SUBJECT: PRESS VIEW OF INDO-US NUCLEAR RELATIONS

- 1. M.V. KAMATH REPORTS IN THE MARCH 31 "TIMES OF INDIA" THAT THE ATTEMPTS OF INDIAN OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON TO INFORM US LEADERS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, ABOUT INDIA'S NUCLEAR VIEWS IN PREPARATION FOR PM DESAI'S VISIT IN JUNE ARE MEETING WITH NEITHER SYMPATHY NOR UNDERSTANDING. THE AMERICAN ESTABLISHMENT, KAMATH ASSERTS, HAS ALREADY MADE UP ITS MIND ON THE SUBJECT. HE CITES BY WAY OF EXAMPLE AN "ATTACK" BY REP. YOUNG OF FLORIDA BASED ON MISLEADING US PRESS REPORTS WHICH THE STATE DEPARTMENT LABELED "BASELESS" ALLEGING THAT INDIA IS HELPING VIETNAM TO JOIN THE "WORLD'S ATOMIC COMMUNITY" AND, IN ADDITION, DIVERTING US-SUPPLIED WHEAT TO VIETNAM.
- 2. WHILE ADMITTING THAT REP. YOUNG'S CRITICISM "IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL SENTIMENT IN CONGRESS," KAMATH NONETHELESS THINKS IT REFLECTS "THE UNCLASSIFIED

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HARD-CORE ANTAGONISM AGAINST INDIA'S DESIRE FOR NUCLEAR SELF-SUFFICIENCY." HE BELIEVES DESAI WILL "HAVE A HARD ROW TO HOE ON THE NUCLEAR ISSUE" DURING HIS US VISIT.

3. KAMATH NOTES IN PASSING THAT THE PROGRAM FOR DESAI'S US VISIT HAS NOT YET BEEN PUT IN FINAL FORM

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